### WHAT SHALL IT BE?

Shall Crime be Treated by the Doctors or Lawyers?

MOTHER PROBLEM PROPOSED



reducts of feverish, unwholental and physical life in our staric trade centers, and they is understood by those who deal with them. Shoplifting fession and a disease; less a on than it used to be perre a disease, as we dash with Or, as the detective said when greation was offered, the profesahoptifur poses as a kleptoma-knowing that it is her one sure peans of compe. If her haul is not too big, and if too elaborate preparations are not found upon her, her hances of escape are excellent. The smanine acts with wonderful ng, and without any precautions those of insane cleverness in blinding the eyes of detectives floor walkers and employes not three feet

The business-like shoplifter is thoroughly equipped, with every trained conse upon the alert, and her eyes on ods only when their guardians a reasonable distance. The commission seizes small articles, valueloss. The shoplifter is out big pulls," and can make off with worth of merchandise in a morn-

few days ago a clerk in one of the managed shops of New Fork laid rolls of silk, valued at \$150, upon rells of silk, valued at \$150, upon center to ship out of town. He allied to the further end of the our that the card board from bulky rolls of silk was all that ined of his shipment. There was starbance in the room, which was disturbance in the room, which was st crowded. Floor walker, shoppers of employes had suspected nothing, some woman stowed sixty yards of k upon her person and walked si-tily out of the door.

served by his wrath over this bold to the detective in charge was ad to disclose some of the bitter-

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"The wickedest male criminal on
earth," said he, "can't bold a candle
beside a mild, shrinking, respectable
little bit of a woman. I've been here
twenty years and I know every
mother's daughter of 'em who has been
up to tricks for a living. But when a
new one comes in she's bound to swipe
something unless one of the two girls
who work with me have the luck to



pot her as empletons. Our method of option is this: I see a woman dressed tly and quietly, malking slowly bough the store. Probably she cara shopping bag on her arm and carries a baby, but in such a store his that dodge attracts too much stire. But there's nothing like a y to store away stuff in. Why ohos beby to stow away stuff in. Why chose in an east side store, where I began my career, the rearcher took twelve hot-time of colegne, six handlerechiefs und a lot of jewelcy from a baby's toggery. I suppose that hid was what you people who don't know anything about it would call a kleptomanian, because she yelled and kicked and looked amprised when we took the things away. That's just what you're dealing with a woman. Well, we fellow the woman until sheatopead, a counter. Then one of my girls, or both, if necessary, takes her position close by and asks the salesman, who is trained to begat her as an enknown construer, to look her as an enknown outsight and pays on the sport. That's is the only absolute safeguard income to detectives. For, unless sheep syss look down into her lap, the woman t down toto her lap, the woman slip a piece of silk into her sham let or over her arm while the sales-



MESTHA NETWAN, ALIAS BIG BERTHA. fell straight to her knees. There were a lot of little trinkets in it, and when I discovered them she threw herself around so that I had to call the detective. He couldn't do anything with her, and before she left the store three men almost literally sat upon her while we tried to bring her to reason.

The cutest pocket is a long piece of cloth fastened with pins at each side. At the lower edge is a drawstring which may be wound about the pins when in use. But the instant I discover that pocket, the wearer pulls the string and the goods tumble to the floor under her skirts, and I have absolutely no evidence against her, since neither pocket nor goods are found on her person. A common trick is to sweep small articles into an umbrella; aweep small articles into an umbrella; another is to lay a jacket or any other wrap upon the counter and pick up with it cloth, ribbon, lace, or almost anything. Then, if worst comes to worst, the lifter can throw the whole apparatus away. Yes, it is hard to know whether a womap is a kleptomaniae or not, but there are a few pretty good proofs. The professional comes in here, cool and collected, very much annoyed at the indignity, and perfectly overcome with surprise when discovered. She sobs and shrieks and hurls herself against the wall, offers imherself against the wall, offers immense bribes and wants todraw checks in her husband's name. If we agreed to that settlement she would bring a blackmail case against the house next week, you know. Yet, it's good policy to let the toughest cases go on the plea of kleptomania, because we know ptomania, because the faces so well that they never

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"But the poor women who come to me by the dozen half-crazed with fright. Ah! it is enough to make one wonder if the next generation won't be safest behind asylum doors!" exclaimed the competent young cynic, who is herself a type of the times.

At police headquarters Supt. Byrnes smiled knowingly when asked for opinions. "Kleptomaniacs, if there are any such things, don't get down here," he said. "We have the old stagers and their pictures, and the poor women who look at something which would please the youngsters at home until they just have to take it. That's what this swell kleptomania amounts to—a poor woman who wants a thing and thinks no one will miss it. Do you want to see the placegraphs of the shoplifters who are famous all over the world? We've run 'em in now, but we had to have detectives in the shops before we could spot them.

"Here's somebody to look out for, because she has been pard ned out. She's Mollie Holbrook, and she has been arrested in Chicago, Boston and New York. She works with Jimmy Hoey, who disposes of her goods. Mollie can make \$100 a day.

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"This is Sophic Levi, who is the wife of Ned Lyons. She served in Sing Sing, the penitentiary, and in Michigan state prison. She has been shop-lifting in Europe with Jim Brady, a notorious burgiar. Soshie was arrested in Paris for picking pockets, and posed as Mme. De Varney. She played the lady so well that the officers discharged her apologizing humbly for the mistake. She's, well, say forty years old. light weight, brown hair, gray eyes, pretty yet.

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"She has just been arrested with Billy Burke, robbing a bank in Sterling, Ky. Billy had forty-six thousand dellars in greenbacks in his hands when

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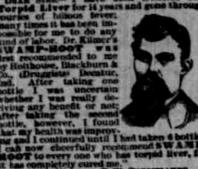
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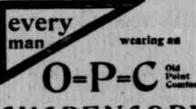


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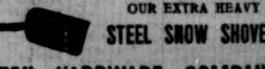
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